

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

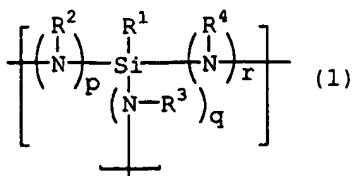
[1] (currently amended) A coating composition ~~characterized by~~ comprising: a polyalkylsilazane compound; an acetoxysilane compound; and an organic solvent.

[2] (original) The coating composition according to claim 1, which further comprises a pore forming agent.

[3] (original) The coating composition according to claim 2, wherein said pore forming agent is a copolymer comprising a siloxy-containing polyethylene oxide compound or a siloxy-containing polyethylene oxide compound as monomer units.

[4] (currently amended) The coating composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein said polyalkylsilazane compound comprises repeating units represented by general formula (1):

[Chemical formula 1]



wherein R¹ represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that all of R¹'s of the whole compound do not simultaneously represent hydrogen;

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R^2 to R^4 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that all of R^2 to R^4 do not simultaneously represent hydrogen; and

p , q , and r each are 0 or 1 and $0 \leq p + q + r \leq 3$.

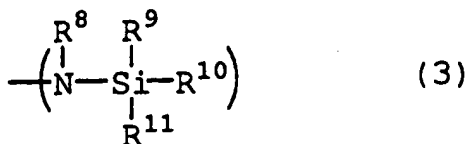
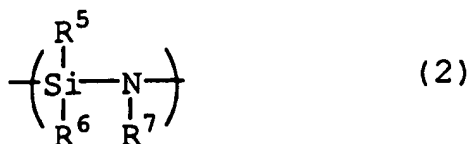
[5] (currently amended) A siliceous material ~~characterized by being~~ produced by coating a coating composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 onto a substrate or by filling a coating composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4 into a frame or a groove, and firing the coating composition.

[6] (currently amended) A semiconductor device ~~characterized by~~ comprising a siliceous material according to claim 5 as an intermetal dielectric.

[7] (currently amended) A process for producing a siliceous material, ~~characterized by~~ comprising heating a coating composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 at a temperature of 350°C or below for 1 to 60 min.

[8] (new) The coating composition according to claim 1, wherein said polyalkylsilazane compound further contains one or both groups represented by formulae (2) and (3)

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wherein R⁵ to R¹¹ each independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that both R⁵ and R⁶ do not simultaneously represent hydrogen and all of R⁹ to R¹¹ do not simultaneously represent hydrogen.